

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable telephone including:

first operating portion which can be operated in directions opposite to each other;

5 a display unit for displaying a block indicative of said first operating portion, predetermined information and a pointer;

controlling means for controlling said display unit so as to shift said pointer to a desirable position

10 within said predetermined information on a screen of said display unit in accordance with an operation of said first operating portion and also display a mark indicative of a direction to which said pointer can be shifted and in which said predetermined information  
15 exists, adjacently to said block along a shift direction through said first operating portion.

2. A portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein:

20 said predetermined information is menu information composed of a plurality of items, and

said pointer is located correspondingly to one of said plurality of items.

25 3. A portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein:

said predetermined information is text information, and

30 said pointer is located correspondingly to one character or symbol in said text information.

4. A portable telephone according to claim 1,  
wherein said first operating portion is a dial which can  
be rotated in directions opposite to each other.

5 5. A portable telephone according to claim 1,  
further comprising a second operating portion for  
shifting said pointer in a direction vertical to a shift  
direction of said pointer through said first operating  
portion, wherein:

10 said controlling means controls said display unit  
so as to display a mark indicative of a direction to  
which said pointer can be shifted by said second  
operating portion and in which said predetermined  
information exists, adjacently to said block along a  
15 shift direction through said second operating portion.

6. A portable telephone according to claim 5,  
wherein said second operating portion comprises two keys,  
which are arranged closely to each other, on both sides  
20 of said first operating portion.